

Kentucky Library Association Board Report
Kentucky Public Library Association
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Sister Library Project

The Sister Library Project has made great strides these past few months. We now have 8 libraries (four pairs signed on as sister libraries). A manual has been developed and I completed a brief PSA about the project (both are posted on the KPLA website). April Ritchie, of the Kenton County Public Library is the coordinator. She is working through KPLA and the Regional Librarians at KDLA to promote the project.

Kentucky Library License Plate

Despite the best efforts of many, our License Plate project continues to meet obstacles. The funding of the project was met through the generous donations of KLA, KPLA and the Friends of Kentucky Libraries. Now we are being told we need 900 committed signatures, despite raising the total amount needed. A plan is being formulated to keep this project on track.

Kentucky Library Standards

Thanks to Kristi Tucker and her IT Manager, the standards were fully automated this year! This was a huge step in the right direction and made the process so much easier for directors. Completed forms are due by October 15, 2011. So far two libraries have reached the highest level of 'exemplary.'

KPLA Conference 2012

The Conference will be held at the Bowling Green Holiday Inn from April 11-13. Our Vice Chari Elect, Susan Nimersheim, has already held three organizational meetings. A submission form for sessions will soon be made available on the KPLA webpage. The deadline will be December 1, 2011.

Trustee Certification

The staff at KDLA and Paul Poland, our Trustee Roundtable Chair, are pulling together the curriculum for the five areas of concentration. Classes will be made available both online and in person in a classroom setting. A series of classes will be held at the KPLA Conference in April 2012. The Regional Librarians have done a great job informing the trustees of the program.

Advocacy

The Advocacy Committee recently held a retreat at Kentucky Dam Village on August 30-31. The Committee identified a number of issues that could impact Kentucky libraries and are watching them closely. The Committee also made plans for Kentucky Library Legislative Day, which will be held on March 7, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

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